

SENATE BILL 609

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By: **Senator Benson (Chair, Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund – Sunset**
3 **Extension**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Task Force on the Establishment of
5 a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund is required to report its findings and legislative
6 recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General
7 Assembly; extending the termination date of the Task Force; and generally
8 relating to the Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter
9 Fund.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 266 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2011
12 Section 1 and 2

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Chapter 266 of the Acts of 2011**

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter
19 Fund.

20 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
22 President of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
2 of the House;

3 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee; and

4 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

5 (i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

6 (ii) one representative of the Humane Society of the United
7 States;

8 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Veterinary Medical
9 Association;

10 (iv) one representative of Maryland Votes for Animals;

11 (v) one representative of the Howard County Animal Advocates;

12 (vi) one representative of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care
13 Shelter;

14 (vii) one representative of the Professional Animal Workers of
15 Maryland, Inc.;

16 (viii) one representative of the Maryland SPCA;

17 (ix) one representative of the Pet Food Institute;

18 (x) one representative of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory
19 Council; and

20 (xi) two representatives of other private or public organizations
21 with experience and interest in spay/neuter programs.

22 (c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates
23 jointly shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

24 (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task
25 Force.

26 (e) A member of the Task Force:

27 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

28 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
29 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 (f) The Task Force shall:

2 (1) collect and review data on the number of spay/neuter services
3 performed each year in the State and the unmet need for the services;

4 (2) review ongoing successful local spay/neuter programs in the State;

5 (3) review spay/neuter programs in other states and identify best
6 practices;

7 (4) review and make recommendations regarding the most appropriate
8 funding mechanism for a spay/neuter fund; and

9 (5) make recommendations regarding the establishment of a
10 spay/neuter fund that best meets the needs of the State.

11 (g) On or before January 1, ~~[2012]~~ **2013**, the Task Force shall report its
12 findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with
13 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and
14 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~[1 year]~~ **2 YEARS** and, at the end
17 of June 30, ~~[2012]~~ **2013**, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
18 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2012.